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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

FROM : Foreign Documents Branch

SUBJECT: FDB Monthly Progress Report

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1. Implementation of Recently Proposed Plans

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c. Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base

Tentative negotiations with the Air Force have been initiated with the purpose of an eventual survey by FDB of the foreign documents collection the Air Force is assembling at the Air University.

d. In view of a verbal request from the AD/GO, a memo was prepared for the information of OSI outlining the work done by FDB on foreign scientific material. Requirements originating in OSI will be sent directly to FDB. This direct OSI-FDB arrangement has been concurred in by OCD.

✓ e. On 5 January 1949, The Director, Central Intelligence approved the following recommendations:

a) Bibliography of Russian Periodicals should remain unclassified.

b) Periodical Abstracts (General) should be discontinued. In their place, information reports with a minimum classification of "Confidential" should be published.

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- c) Periodical Abstracts (Scientific) should be raised to "Secret".

f. Stockpiling of Yugoslav Publications

No documents have as yet been received by FDB under agreements whereby the State Department is conducting a coordinated procurement of Yugoslav publications through State Department sources.

II. Accomplishments

a. Procurement and Handling of Foreign Language Material

Talks have been held with OCD and management and the details of a new overall agreement are being worked out between FDB and OCD regarding the foreign language documents problem as a whole.

- b. Subsequent to Memoranda sent to the Executive Director CIA, outlining FDB justifications, on 7 January 1949, the Director Central Intelligence approved the continued use of the provisionally cleared linguist pool by FDB.

c. Discussions with ICAPS - Translation Service

The acting Chief, FDB, attended an IAC ad hoc meeting at which the problems of a central translation and exploitation service were discussed. No definitive recommendations have as yet been formulated.

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- d. [] was appointed Acting Deputy Chief, Foreign Documents Branch, effective 24 January 1949.

III. Projects Contemplated or Recommended

a. ORE Evaluations

FDB has made verbal recommendations to AD/OC regarding the problem of ORE evaluations. It has been recommended that the evaluation of [] reports be discontinued and that a system of monthly evaluation of all FDB reports be instituted in its place.

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